

**DISTRICT VI ADVISORY BOARD
Minutes**

**Monday
July 12, 2004
7:00 p.m.**

**Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge Clubroom**

The District VI Advisory Board Meeting was held at 7:00 P.M. at Evergreen Recreation club lounge room. In attendance were the District VI Council Member, ten (10) District Advisory Board Members, six (6) city staff, and (15) citizens. Approximately 31 individuals were in attendance.

Members Present

Sandra Whittington
Annie Best
Rosalie Bradley
Jaya Escobar
Dick Rumsey
Maurine Willis
Bickley Foster
Bob Schreck
Bob Wine
Rob Johnson-alternate

Member Absent

Paul Daemen
Rick Shellenbarger

Guests

Listed at the end

Staff

Listed at the end

Call to Order

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. and welcomed guests. DAB members were asked to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

Approval of Minutes for May 3, 2004 was approved with the following amendment:

(Schreck/Rumsey 10-0)

- ☐ **Member Rumsey** was noted as being present for the meeting but was absent.

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted. **(Schreck/Bradley 10-0)**

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items - None**
2. **Off-agenda items - None**

Council Member Fearey started the meeting with a brief explanation of the “ Visioneering Wichita” program that has started meeting and who is involved with the program. The steering committee will be speaking to discuss the following six topics: 1) Government, 2) Economic Development, 3) Infrastructure, 4) Quality of Life, 5) Education and 6) Private Sector Leadership. The consultant needs a lot of input to go forward with the plan. The plan is to have four task forces in each quadrant of the city with 100 people in each group with a plan for future Wichita developed by the end of the year. Applications for participating need to be submitted to develop a well-balanced group providing input. There are a few focus groups already meeting.

Fearey continued with don't forget **National Night Out** on Tuesday Aug 3rd. There will be plenty of events in District VI. I plan on attending a few and the Community Police officers will also be attending.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS

3. Community Police Report

Community Police Officer Franco, 48 beat discussed the implementation of passing out flyers in neighborhood areas if a drive-by shooting or any other type of aggravated assault or break-ins occur. This will make the neighbors more aware of what is happening in the area.

Franco continued discussing what the other CP officers were doing: *Officer Silva*- 41 beat is handing out flyers due to a drive-by shooting in the 1600 blk. of N. Jackson and is working with the La Familia center due to neighbors who are upset about loud music being played at the center for events. *Officers Franco & Morris* are working on a drug case involving a meth lab. *Officer Franco* is also working with the complaints about adult soccer on Shell Park. The adult soccer fields at 33rd & Ohio are selling beer on Sundays and to underage youth. A flyer is being made to let participants attending know the police are aware of the illegal beer sales. **Member Schreck** stated Fireworks appeared calm on July 4th. *Franco* responded there were large amounts of illegal fireworks confiscated from every bureau. **Member Whittington** said in her area a complaint was reported but the officer couldn't do anything as he had to see actual lighting of illegal fireworks being done.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and file

4. Off-Site Billboard Regulation

Kurt Schroeder, OCI Director stated his reason for being at the DAB was to discuss the off-site billboard signs that have been legally permitted and erected in locations that have generated a significant number of citizen and neighborhood association complaints and concerns. *Schroeder* continued saying a moratorium had been placed on off-site new billboards since early May. City Council has passed a moratorium for a four month time period and I was instructed by Council to come to the DAB's to gather input and seek some recommendations. My staff is also meeting with the sign code industry to see what their input/recommendations are.

I have been to the other DAB's presenting this issue and the following are some comments: a) there is not enough public input on billboards more people should be allowed to speak; b) In overlay district's don't eliminate the sign code; c) Sign code allows 75' to be near residential lots. Some DAB'S said increase the new sign size to be allowed. Other DAB's commented to reduce the size of Billboards- 50 x 14ft tall near residential area; it should be a smaller billboard.

DAB VI Board Members commented: 1) were there any regulations from the Highway Commission on what can be placed on highway/interstate roads; 2) is there an ordinance for lighting billboards; 3) Lighting should be lit from the bottom up and not top down; 4) There should be no billboards near residential areas; 5) Restrict placing billboards in LC areas and if they are permitted they should be controlled by other regulations and 6) include regulations that protect walkways and parks from billboards.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive with no action

5. 2005-06 Budget presentation

Rob Raine and Kendall Niquette, Finance Department reviewed the 2005-06 budget discussing some specific topics such as a 1.5% cost of living increase for all city employees; forming a task

force to look at health insurance provider reviews and look into the percentage of what the city will pay for employees insurance; and what effect the state has on our budget.

The following are questions/ comments from the DAB members:

- OCI funds - does that come from special revenues
- New construction, have the costs been factored into the budget
- Insurance coverage for employees - the city's percentage cover's more than other companies, the future increases for city employee's participation (20% in 2005, and 15% in 2006) were much less than what is being experienced in private enterprise.
- Do you anticipate a 9.5 increase as with the growth between 2003 actuals and 2004 revised revenues in 2005 and beyond?
- Good to see more money allocated for park maintenance funds
- Is there money available for the 21st street development
- City reserves - what are they now and how do they compare to what they were a couple of years ago.

A big thank you to the finance department from members for all the hard work they do.

***** **Action taken:** Receive and provide any more input/recommendations to be forwarded to Council Member Fearey or Neighborhood Assistant, Terri Dozal by end of day Thursday, July 15.

6. **Proposed Sanitary Sewer project**

District VI Advisory Board (DAB) considered a sanitary sewer project to serve an area on the west side of Armstrong, north of 35th Street North. The DAB Members were provided the assessments for the project and map of the area for review prior to the meeting. *Debra Ary* presented the case and reviewed the proposed project with members and the public.

James McIntosh - South side property owner, asks to be excluded from the project because when they purchased their home, the City had not filed the property with the Register of Deeds since the previous owner. We have been presented with two options for the sewer project and both will run through our property. We know when we bought our home we had sewer service and did not know we may be responsible for additional sewer installation in the area. We understand our neighbor has a failed septic system and needs to have this project done as soon as possible.

Steve Keener - 3623 Armstrong property owner of the failed septic system. *Keener* stated he feels bad that his need has put his neighbors into a situation that isn't their fault. I have a sense of urgency to get this settled without causing the McIntosh's any more grief.

Ary stated jogging around structures and changing what has already been presented will cost more due to the utilities. This does not benefit both properties.

DAB questions/comments included: 1) bad idea with the utility easement; 2) what does the law department think; 3) how do we make this a fair solution; 4) couldn't you go up Burns street to service all future lots; 5) assess the McIntosh's at 1991 rates; 6) could the McIntosh's be excluded from assessments; and 7) the document the McIntosh's have doesn't say who is to file.

Fearey stated the DAB is an advisory group to her and asked members what do you want me to do? I could meet with our legal department and find out how to handle this case and include the Water & Sewer Department staff.

Lonny Wright, plumber said all properties are to be assessed at some time or another. I recommend the council member talk to the legal department.

***** **Action Taken:** Motion for **CM Fearey** to discuss the legalities with City Law, Water and Sewer departments including member **Paul Daemen** to assist. Defer this case to the August DAB meeting, if needed. (**Schreck/Rumsey 10-0**)

Member Schreck asked if anything could be done for the failing sewer system?

7. **Paving for Bickel, 8th and Gow**

District VI Advisory Board (DAB) considered a paving project to serve Bickel from 8th to 9th Street, 8th Street from Bickel to Gow, and Gow, from Murdock to 8th. The DAB Members were provided the assessments for the project and map of the area for review prior to the meeting. *Debra Ary* presented the case and reviewed the proposed project with members and the public.

Charles Bybee, 3432 W. 8th stated several people don't want this, the Sq. ft. was not assessed on a equal basis. How did they come up with over 51% on the petition? I question the authenticity of this petition. This petition has been passed before and failed.

Member Rumsey asked when a petition is filed don't you had to submit a list from a title company? *Ary* responded there is no title search for a petition. We can search county records and if a property belongs to a trust only one vote will be allowed.

Member Bradley asked about the validity of the signatures. If a renter signs this is not valid? Correct?

Robert Newman, 3501 W. 9th I paid my specials long time ago and I have never been approached to sign this petition. Someone pushed this through for his or her own personal reasons.

Council Member Fearey commented that not everyone agrees but this Petition is above 51% and the request can be processed. It is a valid petition.

Barbara Green lives at the corner of Gow, stated she had never been approached. I was called but never signed a petition.

Arthur Bybee 3432 W. 8th has lived here since April 1950 and I own four (4) lots. Three (3) or four (4) years ago the people East of where I live asked me to sign and I wouldn't. I don't want this.

Cheryl Sparkman, *Arrowhead* storage owner said her business would close if the road is paved and she can't afford to pay the assessments. *Sparkman* was asked how many storage units she had? Response was 233 storage units but was not making much money.

Member Schreck stated the streets to be paved, it would be cheaper to do all three streets at one time. **Member Bradley** asked if this was a benefit district or what type of district?

Member Foster asked weren't you aware your property would be assessed?

Are we obligated to approve the project since the petition is at 51%?

***** **Action Taken:** Motion to recommend **Approval** of the paving request checking the validity of petition signatures. (**Wine/Foster 10-0**)

Member Schreck finished by stating residents could file for hardship deferrals if needed.

BOARD AGENDA

8. DAB Selection Process

Bob Schreck, Moorings, Sandra Whittington, Indian Hills-Riverbend, Rosalie Bradley, North Riverside, Paul Daemen, appointed, Maurine Willis, Sherwood Glen, and Dick Rumsey will be appointed to DAB VI for another year. **Council Member Fearey** will notify the members once this takes place.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and file

9. Problem Properties

No problems were reported

10. Neighborhood Reports

Historic Midtown Plan - Starting on the rezoning process of the plan. Once the process is done there will be a formal presentation made to the DAB.

Orchard Park- July 13th will hold a candidates forum- come and join us if interested

Indian Hills- Riverbend- Gamer Quest building is up for auction- we hope no club will move in.

***** **Action Taken:** Receive and file

Guests

Charles A &AE Byee	3432 W. 8 th Wichita Ks
Rob Johnson	3736 Agnes rob.Johnson@peel.com
Jerry Prichard	1607 N Clarence 67203 Ind. Hills-Riverbend
Jim & Cheryl McIntosh	3419 Armstrong
Berle Willis	3834 Woodland
Linda Matney	3576 Ponderosa La Placita Park
Barbara A Treu	3533 W. 9 th La Placita Park
Robert Newman	3501 W. 9 th St. 67203
Kathy Dittmer	823 Litchfield Riverside Citizen
Mike & Cheryl Sparkman	3429 W. 8 th
Steve Keeney	3623 Armstrong
Lonny Wright	1020 W. MacArthur

Staff

Rob Raine	Finance
Kendall Niquette	Finance
Kurt Schroeder	OCI
Debra Ary	Public Works
Officer Franco	Patrol North
Terri Dozal	Neighborhood Assistant

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, 6th District Neighborhood Assistant